

UTAH PUBLIC FIRE EDUCATOR

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EDUCATOR'S MEETING

Enjoy good food and good networking. Help to improve fire and life safety education in Utah.

Thursday, January 14, 6:00 p.m. at [Riverwalk Grill](#) on SunRiver Golf Course, 4210 Blue Grass Way, St. George.

Food will be purchased individually from the dinner menu. Also meet *The Tall Firefighter*, a new mascot available locally.

RSVP: Monica Colby if you plan to attend via [email](#) or phone: 801-284-6360.

See you there!

What's on the Menu?

WINTER FIRE SCHOOL IS HERE

Four free classes will be offered at Winter Fire School January 16 & 17 for fire and life safety educators.

Winter Fire School [Registration](#)

Fire Safe Cigarettes and Toy-like Lighters

Friday, January 16, 2009, 08:00 – 12:00

Fire Standard Cigarettes, also known as low propensity ignition cigarettes, are now required in Utah. What does this mean to the fire service? Also covering the national movement to declare novelty lighters a dangerous product to be regulated by CPSC.

Instructor: Oliver Moore, Fire Prevention Specialist, Utah SFMO

Alarms and Sprinklers in Education

Friday, January 16, 2009, 13:00 – 17:00

Discussion of recent studies, changes in codes and the impacts on fire and life safety education and a rollout of a coordinated 2009 educational campaign. The 2009 IRC includes requirements for

carbon monoxide alarms and automatic fire sprinklers in new construction, among other advances. We may not see immediate adoption of all of these changes but the placement of these in the code should impact educational efforts. Recent studies about smoke and smoke alarms are revealing a picture with more toxic fire loads and different smoke behavior than we generally discuss in fire public education efforts. What needs to change in our message and what's the same?

Instructor: Monica Colby, Fire Prevention Specialist, Utah SFMO

Involving the Community

Saturday, January 17, 2009, 08:00 – 12:00

As fire departments become more and more extended with less funding, the need to involve the community is greater than ever. Learn how to reach out and let the community assist you in your efforts - from emergency preparedness to fire safety. Learn what other departments are doing including how to start a Fire Corps.

Instructor: Dean Hunt, Fire Marshal, Layton City FD

Fire Safety Education for People with Disabilities & Older Adults

Saturday, January 17, 2009, 13:00 – 17:00

There is help out there to reach people with disabilities of all ages and to protect our most at risk population, older adults-and most of it is free. Resources, skills and tips will be shared and curriculum will be reviewed. Liability regarding home safety checks and installations will be discussed and simple solutions offered.

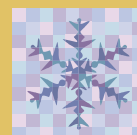
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Points of interest:

- * Budget Friendly Resources
- * WUI in the City
- * Sprinkler Education Help



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WUI IN THE CITY

years that roofs and windows are the weakest points of a home in a wildfire. Single pane windows can crack from the heat of a fire less than 30 feet away and let in hot embers. Embers can be carried by the wind to a flammable roof even six hours after the fire front has passed.

Even suburbs are at risk of wildfire when the fire front never reaches the neighborhood. Take a look at some [great photos from the Boston Globe](#) of the recent California fires. Notice in pictures 2 and 3 how the vegetation surrounding the homes is in good shape but the homes are burning.

We've learned in the past few



HELP HAS ARRIVED FOR FIRE SPRINKLER EDUCATION

The Utah Society for Fire Protection Professionals has made a generous offer to help us educate the public about home fire sprinklers. Not only will they provide materials for a kit we are assembling for every department, but they will provide materials and labor for the sprinklers when a department does a side-by-side, live burn demonstration. They are also willing to provide instructors to teach how sprinklers work in conjunction with a fire department program. We are looking at targeting college students but are considering other audiences. If you have ideas or are interested in developing a short 30 minute program, contact Monica. The new program and more will be presented at Winter Fire School.



WHEN \$ IS LOW

ous budget cuts in our country. In order to protect firefighter jobs, public outreach programs often see the impact. Knowing what might be down the road allows you to prepare. Augmenting your programs with Fire Corps citizen advocates can help keep programs engaged even during difficult times. Programs that belong to the community, benefit the community and are run by the community, are difficult to dissolve even when money is tight. For more information on starting a Fire Corps, go to www.utahfirecorps.org and www.firecorps.org. Call Fire Corps VISTAs Chelsey or Ashley @ 801-264-6366 if you have any questions..

BUDGET CRUNCH TACTICS

FIRE SAFETY HOWEVER YOU SAY IT

U SFA has **free** downloads

of low literacy/easy-to-read fire safety pages in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese.



GRANT \$

Each year, one fire department receives the Rolf H. Jensen Memorial Public Education Grant of \$5,000 for their fire and life safety program. Application period is now open and The deadline is February 6, 2009. [Rolf H. Jensen Grant](#)

Fire Prevention and Safety is still promised to open "soon." You can still prepare from the 2007 [guidelines](#).

FREE TRAINING

FREE [Campus Firewise Campus Safety Educator Training](#). Utah educators can attend in Denver March 19 - 20, 2009.

READY.GOV VIDEO BLOG

The Ready Campaign is hosting a video blog and is looking for Americans who have recently experienced an emergency situation to help tell Americans why it is important to take steps in advance to prepare. Any recording (including from cell phones) that are 60 seconds to 3 minutes long can be submitted to www.youtube.com/fema by responding with submissions.

